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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

U.S. Appln. No. 10/053, 007

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1. (currently amended): A structure of an end portion of a flat cable in which a plurality of juxtaposed conductors are sheathed and insulated, respectively, wherein the end portion of the flat cable has a stepped form so that end surfaces of at least adjacent ones of the conductors are positioned in different planes;

wherein no immediate adjacent ones of the conductors of the flat cable are in the same plane.

3. (currently amended): A method of processing an end portion of a flat cable in which a plurality of juxtaposed conductors are sheathed and insulated, respectively, the method comprising the step of:

cutting the end portion of the flat cable in a stepped form so that cut surfaces of at least adjacent ones of the conductors are positioned in different planes;

wherein no immediate adjacent ones of the conductors of the flat cable are in the same plane.

6. (currently amended): An apparatus comprising:
a flat cable in which a plurality of juxtaposed conductors are sheathed and insulated;
wherein an end portion of the flat cable is in a stepped form so that the end portion of at least adjacent ones of the conductors are positioned in different planes;

wherein no immediate adjacent ones of the conductors of the flat cable are in the same plane.

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12. (new): An apparatus comprising:
a flat cable in which a plurality of juxtaposed conductors are sheathed and insulated;
wherein an end portion of the flat cable is in stepped form so that the end portions of at
least three conductors are positioned in different planes from immediate adjacent conductors.